

**BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS SERVICE PROVIDER SYSTEM  
FOR INTRANET AND INTERNET APPLICATIONS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system and method are described for establishing a secure virtual trading zone for customers of a service provider, in which bandwidth and applications are provided dynamically and in which the communication path is controlled. The service provider performs the following steps: receiving a request from a customer to establish communication with another customer; confirming the identity of each customer; transmitting to each customer executable code enabling encrypted communication therewith; obtaining from each customer information regarding the customer's computing environment; preparing a set of applications for use by each customer, in accordance with the customer information and the customer's request; transmitting the set of applications as executable code to each customer; establishing a communication path to each customer; and specifying the communication path to the customers, thereby permitting the customers to communicate over the path using those applications.